
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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STACK, STOUT, TOMLINSON, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK AND ERICKSON,
MAY 2, 2001

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, MAY 2, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Calling upon the Governor to renew contract negotiations by
2 entering into binding arbitration and to reward valued
3 Commonwealth employees for their dedicated work.

4 WHEREAS, The UFCW State Store Organizing Committee/PLCB
5 Contract is the only unresolved collective bargaining agreement
6 under the Governor's jurisdiction; and

7 WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Liquor
8 Control Board who serve as retail clerks have been working under
9 the extension of a collective bargaining agreement that expired
10 on June 30, 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, Nearly three years of negotiations and attempts to
12 mediate between the Ridge Administration and the retail clerks'
13 collective bargaining representatives have not resulted in a new
14 contract; and

15 WHEREAS, Many PLCB employees have not received a raise in
16 over five years and some have lost important health benefits;
17 and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board profits for the
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, exceeded \$74 million, and
3 total Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board contributions to the
4 General Fund exceeded \$273 million; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board profits for the
6 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, increased by more than \$16
7 million to almost \$83 million, and total Pennsylvania Liquor
8 Control Board contributions to the General Fund exceeded \$290
9 million; and

10 WHEREAS, The compensation and benefits provided to
11 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board clerks are provided from these
12 contributions, not tax dollars; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That Governor Ridge acknowledge the valuable work
14 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board retail clerks in
15 generating income for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania while
16 maintaining integrity and conformance with the liquor laws of
17 Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That Governor Ridge immediately enter into binding
19 arbitration with the collective bargaining representatives of
20 the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board retail clerks so that an
21 employment contract may be adopted before the end of this fiscal
22 year.